

REMARKS

Claims 1-3, 6-8 and 11-19 are pending. By this Amendment, claims 1, 6 and 19 are amended to even more clearly distinguish over the applied references. No new matter is added.

Claims 1-3, 6-8, 13, 17 and 19 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over U.S. Patent No. 6,947,075 (Niikawa) in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,721,001 (Berstis). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Niikawa and Berstis, even when combined, do not disclose or suggest the combinations of features recited in independent claims 1, 6 and 19. In particular, the references do not disclose or suggest an arrangement in which a controller executes a second command to designate a different folder in which digital images are to be stored if the second command is received within a predetermined period, and automatically executes a first command and stores the images in a predetermined folder if the predetermined period passes without receiving the second command as recited in independent claims 1 and 6, and as similarly recited in independent claim 19. Accordingly, all pending claims are patentable.

The Office Action asserts that Applicant's claimed "predetermined period" "is defined from the moment that the folder selection dialog appears in the camera screen until the user click [sic] OK to indicate that the folder has been selected." The Office Action's explanation on page 3 of the Office Action is not understood because it still does not explain what the alleged "predetermined period" is set "in advance" of. In any event, Niikawa does not disclose that a first command is automatically executed to store the images in a predetermined folder if the predetermined period passes without receiving the second command. In Niikawa, the user must select OK in order to proceed with the Niikawa procedure. Withdrawal of the rejection is requested.

Claims 11, 12, 14-16 and 18 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Niikawa in view of Berstis, and further in view of JP-A-8-69684 (Chatani). This rejection is respectfully traversed. Chatani does not overcome the deficiencies in Niikawa discussed above with respect to independent claims 1 and 6. Accordingly, claims 11, 12, 14-16 and 18 are patentable for at least the reasons set forth above with respect to independent claims 1 and 6. Withdrawal of the rejection is requested.

In view of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully submits that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe anything further would be desirable to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicant's undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below.

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